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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations
 SUBJECT : U-2R Carrier Qualification

1. U-2R #055 was deployed to Lakehurst NAS, N. J. during the first week of September 1969 for the purpose of U-2R carrier qualification landings. Lakehurst NAS was selected as the site for qualification since the Mark VII arresting gear was available and since this is the same equipment used on U.S. carriers.

2. A total of 10 taxi arrests were made prior to the two actual flight arrests. [redacted] Lockheed Aircraft Corp Representative, was in charge of the actual test at Lakehurst and, as of this date, an official LAC qualification report has not yet been received.

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3. Subsequent to the Lakehurst test, T-2 pilot training was conducted at Pensacola NAS, Florida. All [redacted] pilots have completed the necessary preliminary Navy T-2 training aboard aircraft carriers. [redacted] LAC pilot, is also scheduled to complete this training by 3 October 1969. In addition, Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) will be required for each pilot at [redacted]. This will take approximately five sorties per pilot for qualification prior to actual carrier landings.

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4. Rear Admiral G. S. Morrison was given an Idealist/[redacted] briefing on 26 September 1969. He was also provided information on past [redacted] operations. The following is a preliminary schedule of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers:

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<u>Pacific</u>	<u>Possible Available Dates</u>
Kitty Hawk	Jun to Oct 1970
Enterprise	Jul 1970 to Mar 1971
Ranger	Jun to Oct 1970

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Atlantic

Forrestal	Until Nov 1969
Independence	Jan to Jun 1970
J. F. Kennedy	Jan to Aug 1970
America	Dec 1969 to Mar 1970
Saratoga	Feb to May 1970

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5. No date for [redacted] has been requested due to a briefing which is to be given to Vice Admiral Cousins, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations. It is our understanding that Admiral Cousins will be briefed this date.



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